



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 1

**Meeting Date:** February 27, 2007

**Meeting Location:** Lake County Juvenile Justice Center  
3000 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Crown Point Indiana 46307

**Council Members Present:** Richard Ban, Jane Bisbee, Melanie Cox, Rita Daniels, Alfred Fisher, Deborah Harris, Cynthia Kambesis, Henry Mosley, Charlotte Peller, Lavetta Wade, Dianne Weiss Bradley, Lynda Wheeler

**Council Members Absent:** Mary Beth Bonaventura, Glenn Commons, Jeffrey Miller, and Elizabeth Tegarden

Others present: John Sedia

### Meeting Minutes

The meeting called to order at 3:30 pm

The January Regional Service Council Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Desmond Williams from Lake County's Community Partners Program discussed what the program has done so far. They have received 18 referrals, mostly from DCS but some from schools.

Lavetta Wade and Rita Daniels presented findings from their contacts with hospitals, schools, law enforcement, and DCS staff on what gaps Lake County has in prevention services.

Some of the findings were that there is not enough emphasis on education, truancy prevention and parenting skills. A need for parenting classes was a common need identified by all interviewed.

One other suggestion is monies are needed to get information out to the population in regards to the services available.

The Strategic Plan for 2007 Child Welfare Services will be provided for council members prior to the next meeting. It will incorporate the suggestions provided

from community members and council members. A vote to approve will be on the March agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

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